

MINUTES

1. Present: - Sue Tulloch (ST) -Chair, Councillors: - Jonathan Rabbitts (JR), Deana Carpenter (DC) Vice Chair, Peter Smith (PS) Chris Tonge (CT) and Annabelle Eyre (AE)
Parishioners; Martyn & Sally Wright, Anthony Banfield
Clerk: Sonia Coyle (SC).
Apologies received: Clive Hooker
Meeting started at 7:02pm
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4th November were read. Clerk pointed out one error which was the date of the next meeting had been typed up as 7th Jan, correct date should read 6th Jan. Proposed DC seconded AE.
4. **Planning Status**
 - 21/02417/COND1 Church Cottage, Front Street Condition 4 details of render and finish attached to permission 18/01210/LBC – **GRANTED**
 - 21/03186/HOUSE – 18 College Way Proposed single storey front extension to kitchen **NO OBJECTIONS** (Councillors unanimously agreed there would be no impact on others)
 - 21/02963/FULD – Greengates, Front Street. Demolition of existing structurally compromised cottage & provision of a replacement cottage & detached car port.

Cllr's CT, JR, & PS met the architect and applicant on site on Tuesday (04/01). They advised the remaining councillors that the existing house is in no fit state, there are no footings and the roof is very poor. ST read out notes summarising meetings held with neighbours and the applicant (sent from the planners office). ST also read out 3 letters from Parishioners who understand that the property does need to be developed but have several concerns:

The outcome was **NO OBJECTIONS** based on the fact that the building is not habitable in its current state and does need to be replaced. However, this was not a unanimous decision and the Parish Council request the following be taken into consideration;

1. The property needs to be knocked down and rebuilt to make it habitable, however the scale of the proposed building seems disproportionate to the size of the existing cottage and plot
2. Take neighbours concerns into account – Several objections have already been received
 - Larkspur (formerly Dabwan): the proposed plans take the building within 1 metre of the Larkspur fence and also, due to the height of the proposed building the three windows on that side overlook the patio, open plan kitchen and living area – the occupant will have no private outdoor space and no privacy within the home. The architect has stated that the plans can be slightly amended to help alleviate this and the Parish Council would like to see these amendments before approval is granted
 - Willowbrook cottage; (opposite Greengates) also have concerns relating to the size and shape of the building in relation to the size of the plot. In addition, with the position of the SW gable wall the windows would look directly into their sitting room.
 - Cherry cottage; the improved access sightlines mentioned above do not take account of the existing wall belonging to Cherry Cottage. The owner does not want to take down or reduce the height of this wall which means no improvement of sightlines on this narrow stretch of road
3. The property is at risk of surface water flooding and rising ground water from local springs- the application states surface water will be dealt with by soak-away, however there are concerns that the soak away will fill with groundwater and the Parish Council feel a drainage system should be introduced as part of the plans. In addition, it is very important that no groundwater can enter the new sewage system as the village has ongoing issues with the current Thames Water sewage system.

5. **Receive Reports**

Representatives from Outside Bodies – District Cllr Hooker.

Cllr Hooker was not present, Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hooker's newsletter had been distributed on email prior to the meeting.

Chairman's Report

ST will speak to Caroline Bayley regarding the cricket nets and suggest the work gets booked in so that everything is in place and complete for the summer.

Clerk's Report

Clerk confirmed that the Jubilee mugs and replacement laptop have both been ordered. New laptop is now in place.

Signed



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6. Finance and Compliance:-

A. The Clerk presented the payments

Payments since last meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount	Approved
SLCC	Membership	£95.00	DC/CT
Caloo	Inspection	£474.00	DC/CT
HMRC	Tax Jul-Sept	£134.40	DC/CT
S Coyle	Nov & Dec salary	£359.14	DC/CT
S Tulloch	Bark chip for play area	£119.49	DC/CT
Communicorp	Mugs	£745.68	ST/DC
Autela	Payroll Services	£50.40	DC/CT
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18.00	DC/CT

To be paid by next meeting

Name	Goods or Service	Amount
HMRC	Tax Oct-Dec	£134.40
S Coyle	Jan & Feb salary	£359.34

Received since last meeting

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- B. Budget for 22/23: Under delegation previously granted Clerk confirmed with Councillors that no undisclosed changes had been made to their pecuniary interests and accordingly granted dispensations for the ensuing budget discussions. The Clerk presented a budget statement based upon actual and anticipated expenditure for 2021/22 and projections for anticipated expenditure for 2022/23 based upon previous patterns & known changes. ST confirmed this showed that the PC had broadly operated to plan allowing for the purchase of the new laptop, jubilee mugs and extra costs involved in the park (soil & bark chippings). To keep costs down it was proposed that village maintenance be budgeted at £3000 and Donations/Grants (£137) be budgeted at £1,000. There is no income forecasted for the year. The budget was accepted in its draft form and the outstanding items for the current FY approved. Proposed ST seconded CT.
- C. Precept. The Clerk informed Councillors that the precept has not increased since 2009, however, after discussion Councillors agreed that it should remain unchanged at £9,000 for 2022/23. Proposed ST seconded DC.

7. Jubilee Meadow

Caloo visit took place 2nd December. The risk level on every item was reported as very low. There was only one finding which was the seated row has a broken belt. Clerk confirmed that Caloo will replace this before the end of January.

A parishioner had also contacted the clerk suggesting the council put anti bird spikes on the wooden beam over the swings to stop bird mess getting on to the swings below. PS to action. *[Post meeting note; this has now been actioned]*

8. Village Maintenance & Millennium Field

R Gibbard has apologised for delay in repairing the bench by the phone box.

PS has been monitoring the dog bins in the village and can confirm that they are emptied on a Wednesday, it was also noted at the meeting that there were no bags at the bin on the bridge. ST to issue PS with a supply to allow this to be regularly topped up.

Clerk issued a recycling poster proposed by Pat Glover. Councillors requested PG be asked to present suggestions to the public at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

9. Speedwatch

Clerk to delete ST and try again on SID portal as still unable to access.

Signed



10. Any other business

ST informed that council that 5 trees have been planted at the pumping station, 1 in Jubilee Meadow and 4 by the bench in Millenium Field. ST thanked CT & JR.

JR has asked R Cripps to carry out work in Jubilee Meadow.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was discussed and ST proposed Thursday 7th April CT seconded. Councillors to consider potential speakers.

Meeting ended – 8.40p.m. Next meeting – Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 7.00pm.

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